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FAIRFIELD RESTAURANT OWNER SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR HIRING ILLEGAL ALIENS

CINCINNATI – Jing Fei Jiang, the owner of Bee's Buffet restaurant in Fairfield, was sentenced in United States District Court here today to a total of 12 months and one day imprisonment and fined \$3,000 for hiring illegal aliens to work in his restaurant. Jiang pled guilty in January 2007 to one count each of inducing, transporting and harboring an illegal alien to work in his restaurant.

Jiang was also ordered to forfeit to the United States the Fairfield property where the restaurant was located, unless he can come up with \$100,000 in lieu of forfeiture within 30 days.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, and Brian M. Moskowitz, special agent-in-charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Detroit announced the sentence handed down today by Senior United States District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel.

According to a statement of facts filed with the plea agreement, Jiang illegally employed a number of unauthorized aliens to work in his Chinese restaurant beginning as early as October 13, 2005, and continuing until at least June 05, 2006. In addition to employing unauthorized aliens, Jiang also housed them in a residence he owned in Fairfield, and would transport the alien workers to the restaurant in a vehicle he owned.

Jiang himself has been residing in the United States without authorization since he was ordered deported more than ten years ago, although he thereafter filed an application for asylum. This application has not been granted or otherwise adjudicated.

Jiang faces deportation after he serves his prison time.

ICE special agents from the Cincinnati office, assisted by the Fairfield Police Department, executed federal search warrants at Jiang's residence and place of business on June 5, 2006 and arrested Jiang. Jiang has been in custody since his arrest.

Lockhart commended the cooperative investigation by ICE agents and Fairfield Police officers, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Anne Porter, who prosecuted the case.